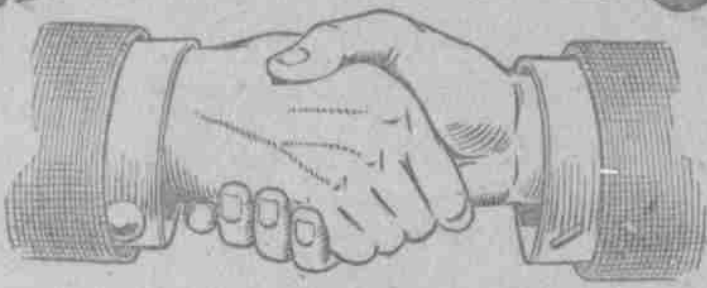


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### The Times' Daily Short Story.

#### UNDER TWO COLORS

(Original.)

Elwood Page was owner of a typical antebellum southern plantation. His wife, Adella Price, was a creole with raven hair reaching to her heels and an olive complexion to match. Her maid, Eunice, had so little negro blood in her veins that her skin was a shade fairer than that of her mistress. People often remarked that from their complexions Eunice could better claim to be white than Mrs. Page.

Mrs. Page died in childbirth. Twenty-five years after her death Warren and Wetherell Page, who appeared in the world when she disappeared from it, were prominent young men—Warren in the south and Wetherell in the north. Wetherell had been graduated at a northern college and, preferring the north, remained there. Warren had attended lectures at the University of Virginia. At twenty-six Warren, who was a fire eater, was killed in an altercation with a political rival. Wetherell was at the time just getting a start in his profession, the law, and was engaged to be married to Evelyn Toie, a lovely girl of strong character. Just before his marriage was to take place Elwood Page died.

One day Evelyn saw her lover coming up the walk in front of her home and knew by his appearance and rapid step that something serious had happened. When he entered he was pale and haggard.

"What is it, Wetherell?" she asked eagerly.

"I have had a blow."  
"A blow?"  
"Yes, and I have lost you."

"I?"

"We must not marry. I have in my veins—negro blood."

"It was some time before an explanation came; then he told her that evidence had been discovered among his late father's papers that he (Wetherell) was the son of Eunice, his supposed mother's maid. His father had taken him from Eunice and brought him up as his legitimate white son. He and his brother were understood to be twins, though they did not resemble each other, as most twins do.

When Wetherell Page left his sweetheart their engagement was broken, he insisting that if they married their children would be obliged to take places with the lower race. He found it difficult to persuade her to give him up, but he was immovable in his position, and she at last reluctantly consented. Wetherell was not the man to linger near the girl he could not marry. He removed to another city, where he practiced his profession, never communicating with her. "Consider me dead," he said to her when they parted, and Evelyn was herself too strong to attempt to break his resolution. He would not impose himself as a white man on the white race, and, as he had

no place with colored people, he lived entirely alone.

Since Elwood Page left no legal issue, several persons contended for his estate. Wetherell put in no claim. Efforts were made to divide the estate between the claimants, but each was so greedy that this was impossible, and it was found necessary to try the case in a court of law. A Mr. Clements, a lawyer, who had long been intimate with the Page family and the manager of its legal affairs, was connected with the case. He subpoenaed Wetherell, and the young man was obliged to attend a trial from which he would gladly have kept away. When he arrived, the lawyer pressed his hand silently, showing a deep sympathy.

"I may be able to get you something out of this estate, Wetherell," he said. "Nothing would induce me to accept a cent," replied the young man.

The first evidence introduced was the papers of Elwood Page, which distinctly proved that he considered Warren as his legitimate son and Wetherell illegitimate by a slave. Then came the certificate of the death of Warren and evidence that Elwood Page had no other children. At this point Mr. Clements called to the witness stand Lemira Eddy, an old woman who had been housekeeper in the Page family for over thirty years. After the usual preliminary questions, the lawyer elicited the following testimony:

"On the evening of the 7th of November, 1860, Mrs. Adella Page gave birth to a boy. The next day her maid, Eunice, gave birth to a boy. Before it was light the next morning I saw Eunice carry something wrapped in a blanket into the room where Mrs. Page's child was sleeping. Following her, I saw her lay her child in the place of the other and steal back to bed. My first impulse was to give information of the act, but later it occurred to me that I held a very valuable secret that one day might make my fortune. When this suit came up it brought me my chance, but I determined to tell voluntarily and without reward what I knew—that Mr. Wetherell is Mr. and Mrs. Page's legitimate white child and Mr. Warren was the child of Mr. Page and Eunice."

Wetherell Page was sitting where he could look the witness full in the face. He continued to stare at her for some time after she had finished, then, like a suddenly revived criminal, sank down in collapse.

Later, when Mr. Clements led him out of court and got into the carriage with him, the former said:

"I have known that this would happen from the day I sent you the subpoena, which I knew was the only way to get you here without prematurely revealing a secret. I have another surprise for you at my house."

When the two drove up to the lawyer's residence a girl rushed out on to the veranda to meet them. In another moment Wetherell Page had clasped Evelyn Toie in his arms.

ELIZA BURNS ARTHUR.

### PENNSYLVANIA BANDITS.

Hundreds of Officers Patrolling the Infested Districts.

#### TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

A Negro Said to Have Confessed to Murdering Clendenen-Tower Men and Operators Paule Stricken. Reward For Taking Outlaws.

Girardville, Pa., Nov. 24.—There is no longer any doubt, either official or popular, in this section of the state that the murder of Operator William Clendenen in the signal tower at Brown's, the chloroforming and robbery of Murel Hafer in his tower at Allanwood and the holdup of Night Watchman John Dalton at the Girardville station point to the existence of a desperate gang of outlaws, thoroughly organized for work in this and neighboring counties.

The first two crimes have resulted thus far in two arrests, the prisoners being William Micheltree, friend of Clendenen, who was taken into custody while attending the latter's funeral at Youngdale, and a negro who was taken near Shamokin and who is alleged to have made a confession. The former asserts his ability to prove an alibi despite the possession of a watch not his own, said to resemble closely that carried by Clendenen, and the report of the negro's confession has yet to be confirmed.

#### Tower Men in Panic.

Meanwhile the tower men and operators employed on the Reading and New York Central railroads in this part of the state remain in a condition bordering on panic, and hundreds of railroad detectives and watchmen and coal and iron policemen are patrolling the tracks through several counties, embracing territory all the way from Williamsport to Shamokin. Other arrests are hourly expected, the reward of \$500 adding zeal to the search.

The arrest of Micheltree was not alone on his possession of the watch referred to. It is said that the dispatcher at this place, to whom Clendenen telegraphed an appeal for help after being shot, received after the appeal an unintelligible line, indicating lapsing consciousness, in which the syllable "tree" was spelled plainly. The name of Micheltree was associated with this by the constable, who made the arrest on his own responsibility and without the formality of a warrant.

Micheltree, who was in the company of two young women when arrested, says the watch belongs to one of them, and he had undertaken to have it repaired.

#### Alleged Confession of Negro Bandit.

J. Gill, the day operator at Brown's tower, is responsible for the story of the negro's confession. He declares that he, not Clendenen, was the intended victim, as it was known that he operated in stocks and was believed to have made about \$1,500, which he carried with him. The negro, he alleges, says he went with a white man to the tower to get this man's money, the white man got up while he remained below. He had a struggle upstairs, followed by a shot. The white man then came down with an empty revolver and secured a hammer, with which he completed the crime. Clendenen meanwhile sending his appeal.

Certain officers, both here and at Tamaqua, point to the sixty miles which separate Brown's tower and Allanwood and to the peculiarities of the railroad time table as indicating that these two crimes could not have been committed by the same persons. They confess, however, that there is a strong likelihood of co-operation.

#### An Arrest at Pottsville.

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 24.—One man, Patrick Brennan, is detained on suspicion of connection with the hold-up at Girardville station. He asserts that he can prove an alibi and has employed counsel, who will seek a habeas corpus hearing. Several express packages and two masks have been found in the woods about half a mile from the scene of the crime.

#### Marine Mysteriously Murdered.

St. Louis, Nov. 24.—James Ferguson, sergeant of United States marines, has been mysteriously shot and killed. A colored woman in whose house Ferguson had been and two inmates were arrested on suspicion.

### NO QUORUM IN HOUSE

Absence of Representatives Prevents Adjournment of Extra Session.

#### SENATE'S PLAN CRITICIZED.

Delay in Voting on Cuban Bill Held by Some to Be Reflection on President-Pastor Scandal Investigation Demanded.

Washington, Nov. 24.—While no proposition has been transmitted to the house of representatives from the senate looking to an early adjournment of the extra session of congress this matter was the subject of several conferences between leaders of the house and Speaker Cannon. There was but one sentiment expressed, and that was that adjournment ought not to be taken until the Cuban measure was finally disposed of or the extra session lapsed into the regular session. With this view of the case, the tentative programme of the house will be to adjourn for three days at a time. It is well known that there is not a quorum of the house at present in Washington, and should the point of "no quorum" be raised at any of the sessions of the house adjournment could only be made for a single day under the rule.

There is some criticism expressed by house leaders regarding the published programme of the senate to take a vote on the Cuban bill on Dec. 16 and adjourn the present session within a few days. Such action is declared to be a reflection on the president, who assembled congress in extra session and emphasized the necessity of immediate action on the Cuban measure.

Should the senate transmit to the house a resolution for adjournment of the special session the present disposition of that body will be to ignore the resolution on the ground that there is not a quorum present to consider it. Leading members of the house say the whole house was held in Washington until a vote was taken on the Cuban bill with the understanding that they could then go to their homes. This a great many of them have done, and there will be no effort made to recall them to the capitol until the extra session is about to lapse into the regular meeting of congress.

#### Pretext Senate Chaplain.

The session of the senate began with the presentation of a resolution providing for the appointment of Rev. P. J. Prentissman of this city as chaplain of the senate for the present session. The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Carmack (Tenn.) offered a resolution authorizing the committee on the conduct of the executive departments to investigate the postoffice department. It went over without discussion.

Mr. Cullom (Ill.) presented the report of the committee on foreign relations on the bill to carry into effect the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The bill went to the calendar.

Mr. Hale (Me.) then moved to reconsider the vote by which the Newlands resolution for the annexation of Cuba was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba. He made the motion on the basis of a speech in opposition to the policy proposed by the resolution, saying that this country had already declared its policy with reference to Cuba by enacting the Teller resolution into law. By that vote we had, he said, hidden ourselves in Cuba in setting up a government for itself, and for himself, he had been agreeably surprised by the progress made by Cuba in the right direction.

#### Newlands on Cuban Annexation.

Mr. Newlands (Nev.) expressed gratification that his resolution should have so early attracted attention. He agreed with Mr. Hale in much that he had said concerning the progress of Cuba and the character of its people. Still it was a fact that Cuba had been compelled to confess her inability to cope with other nations in business affairs. He also referred to the concession of the privilege granted to the United States for erecting fortifications on Cuban soil and to our supervision of the foreign relations of the island as well as of the conduct of its sanitary affairs and said that as a matter of fact Cuba had already assumed the attitude of a ward of the United States. He also advanced the argument that in asking a reduction of the duty on Cuban products exported to the United States Cuba was making an exceptional request, and he thought we should respond by offering political rather than commercial union.

For himself, he had had in mind Cuba's interest in presenting the resolution, and he wanted it understood that he represented no Spanish dons or American speculators. He had offered the resolution in no spirit of spoliation, but because he had believed that the measure would appeal to the good sense of both the Americans and the Cubans.

The Republicans of the senate completed their committee assignments. The more important assignments are as follows: Appropriations, Gallinger; contingent expenses, chairman, Keam; commerce, Foster (Wash.); Quarles, Alger; finance, Penrose; Indian affairs, Clark (Wyo.); Long; immigration, chairman, Dillingham; inter-oceanic canals, chairman, Hanna; judiciary, Mitchell; naval affairs, Burrows; pensions, chairman, McCumber; Philippines, Long; postoffices, chairman, Penrose; new

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#### The Wood Hearing.

The senate committee on military affairs held a brief session to continue the investigation of charges against General Leonard Wood in opposition to his confirmation to be major general. Captain W. J. Barden of the artillery corps, United States army, who was engineer officer in charge of street improvements at Havana during General Wood's administration as governor general of Cuba, was the only witness heard. The committee adjourned to meet again Friday at 11 o'clock.

Captain Barden's testimony had no important bearing on the charges against General Wood. He was summoned at the request of Senator Foraker and is understood to be one of the officers General Wood is said to have asked to have called to refute charges which Major Rathbone had indicated he would bring before the committee.

When the committee met only six members were present. These were Senators Foraker, Quarles, Scott, Cockrell, Pettus and Bate. Other members were detained by the Republican caucus for the appointment of committees. Favorable action was taken on the request of Major Rathbone for the issue of subpoenas for army officers, and permission was given him to prepare a list with statements as to what he expected to prove by each. This list will be ready for summons to be issued tomorrow. Major Runcie will be the first witness when the committee meets on Friday. He is now en route from Havana to the United States.

The committee has decided to designate a subcommittee to go to Cuba to take testimony regarding the conduct of General Wood. The personnel of the committee has not yet been agreed upon nor the number of members. It is asserted that so much has already been said about the conduct of General Wood in Cuba that it will be necessary to examine witnesses in that island who cannot come to the United States.

#### Nordenskjold Expedition Returned.

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 24.—Owing to the arrival at Rio Gallegos of the Argentine warship Uruguay with the members of the Nordenskjold antarctic expedition on board, the French (Chareton) expedition, which intended to proceed shortly in search of the Swedish explorers, has been stopped. The Uruguay found the officers of the Nordenskjold expedition on Louis Philippe island and the other members of the party on Seymour island.

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